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Goal: To complement Meridian's vision of being 'a premier city to live, work and raise a family.'



Heart of Meridian, Inc. Strategic vision for downtown vitality

Meridian's values

- * Great location for families of all ages
- * Community of stable, vibrant energy centers
- * Connected, sustainable community
- * Culture and heritage, arts and science
- * Innovation
- * A strong, diverse economy

Perceived needs

- * Broadly shared vision for downtown potential
- * Cultivation of Meridian's creativity, connectivity
- * More diverse, vibrant Old Town district
- * Balanced redevelopment and preservation
- * Productive and healthy partnerships
- * Conference facility



Housing is key

- * Affordable/workforce housing = wage subsidy
- * Essential infrastructure, recruitment/retention tool
- * Residents invest \$2,000-\$4,000 in urban retail
- * Co-location with employers, recreation, retail
- * Ideal setting for art, culture, heritage and history

Heart of Meridian, Inc.

- * Develop vertically integrated mixed-use complex
- * Support downtown resilience and renaissance
- * Incorporate green space, healthy building principles
- * Strategic and sustainable land-use planning
- * Complement historic preservation
- * Off-street parking for tenants and public

Complementary uses

- * Mixed-income housing
 - o Affordable (50-80% of AMI)
 - o Workforce (80-140% of AMI)
 - Market (over 140% of AMI)
- * Other potential uses
 - Community creative facilities
 - Micro-business cooperative
 - o Retail, commercial and education





Strategic Partners

- * Meridian Development Corporation
- * City of Meridian
- * Neighborhoods
- * IHFA
- * Faith, education and business communities

- * Dept. of Commerce
- * ACHD, COMPASS
- * Agricultural interests
- * Idaho Power
- * SAGE
- * Arts/Crafts/Science

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to extend hope and opportunity to its inhabitants